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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Program chairman, Elizabeth Johnston has planned an interesting evening which will feature a film from the Golden Gate Bridge Authority about the building of the Golden Gate Bridge. The program will be held in the Auditorium of Lafayette School at 8:00 p.m. on November 15. Save the date and watch for more details in the November newsletter.

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GET YOUR T-SHIRTS HERE!

Handsome heavyweight cotton T-shirts commemorating Lafayette's first fire engine are on sale through the Society. The cost of the shirts is $4.50 which includes tax. These beautiful shirts are available in a wide selection of children's and adult's sizes. They are available at Don Young Ford and from Joan Merryman--they will also be sold at the Society's booth during the October 15 Horse and Carriage Parade and at the Lafayette School Flea Market on that same day. A good time for pre-Holiday purchase will be during the November 15 meeting--these shirts will make terrific gifts--the perfect way to support the restoration of "Old Betsy", Lafayette's first fire engine.

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ORAL HISTORY

Angela Broadhead reports that interviews with the following persons are in progress: Dudley Thickens, Mr. William Rosenberg, and Phyllis Peterson.

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LAFAYETTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY APPRECIATION:

To Ruth Dyer who has recently completed a most interesting history of Lafayette's Town Hall. A copy of this work is in the Society's file in the Lafayette Library.

To those Historical Society Members who worked so hard in preparing the Historical Guide to Lafayette--Sandy Kimball, Joan Merryman, and Angela Broadhead.

And to Sybil Wilkinson for loaning the Society family photographs from the Warren Brown family Bible.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On September 12, Angela Broadhead, Mary Powell Flanders and Fern Powell Davis honored William Rosenberg on the occasion of Mr. Rosenberg's ninety-first birthday.

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NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members of the Lafayette Historical Society: Mr. and Mrs. Laird Craig, Gordon R. Schell, Lyn Bonnington, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fekete, Mr. George Wasson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lattanner, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Leighton and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peirano.

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Saturday, October 29, 1977 the County Historical Society is planning a day-long bus trip which will follow the trail of Anza and Fages through Mission Pass to Mission San Jose where Father Abeloe will talk with the group. They will continue to the Weibel Vineyard for wine to accompany individual bag lunches, then on to San Jose where the group will visit the New Almaden Museum and the San Jose Historic Museum. On the return trip, stops are planned at the Peralta Adobe and at Mission Santa Clara. Checks for $9.00 per person should be sent by October 10 to the Contra Costa Historical Society, P.O. Box 190, Martinez, California 94554. Participants will leave Walnut Creek BART parking lot at 8:30 a.m and return at 5:30 p.m.

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FATHER ABELOE TO SPEAK

The Committee for Restoration of the Mission San Jose is holding its quarterly meeting on Monday evening, October 17, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Hall at 43222 Mission Blvd. in the Mission San Jose District of Fremont. Reverend William N. Abeloe, the well known author, historian, and speaker will talk on the Missions of Alta California with emphasis on Mission San Jose.

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OAKLAND MUSEUM EXHIBITION

Opening October 30 is an exhibition commemorating Spanish Captain Alejandro Malaspina's 18th century scientific expedition to the Pacific. The exhibition surveys the expedition's entire journey along North America's Pacific Rim and includes the oldest remaining California mission artifacts, coastal profiles produced by Malaspina's artists and more.

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THANK YOU

The Society Board of Directors extends a special "Thank you" to Bil Plummer for the beautiful art work he created for the "Lafayette--Number One" T-shirts!

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